

## Leon E. Thompson

Leon Thompson had listed his home state as California

He was a Second Lieutenant (2LT) in the United States Army Air Force(O1). His service number was 0-734032.

He died on 21 June 1944 and his name appears on the “Tablets of the Missing” at the North Africa American Cemetery located in Carthage Tunisia. He was a pilot in the 27<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron, First Fighter Group, 15<sup>th</sup> Air Force. The 27<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron is the oldest fighter squadron in the US Air Force. The squadron earned Distinguished unit Citations on August 25, and August 30 1943 and on May 18 1944. The squadron flew the Lockheed P-38 “Lightning” in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

Lieutenant Thompson was awarded the Air Medal with Oak Leaf cluster and the Purple Heart.

